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B.S.

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

FM

OFFICIAL NO. #397

METROPOLITAN

possibly RURAL W B K W (8-18-57)

Date first licensed 3-30-49

Call letters X W J L S - FM

Station location- Beckley, West Virginia

PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC. (ALH 5-26-67 EFF: 7-1-67)

XJOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED (AP gr. 7-6-48, eff: 8-1-48)

Name of licensee XJOE L. SMITH, JR.

Huff Knob

Flat Top,

Transmitter location 13.5 miles South of Beckley, West Virginia

25801

WJLS Building, Main & N. Kanawah Sts., Beckley, W. Va. (BL-3-30-49)

Main studio location 101 1/2 Main Street Beckley, West Virginia

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
B2-PH-494	11-1-45	100.7	31.7kw	-	
Letter	6-7-46	No. 264 Subject to Comm.			approval of antenna and transmitter details.
B2-PH-494	6-21-46	100.7	31.7kw	U	By 8-21-46 to 2-21-47
C.P. for FM Broadcast Station		No. 264			
Letter	11-15-46	STA to operate on Ch. 27.4 , 100.7 mcs using a FT&R Co. 192-AY trans with power output of 2500 w and a single bay FT&R Co. sq. loop ant. mounted on a 25 ft. mast at Huff Knob, W. Va. for a period 11-15-46 to 1-13-47 for FM program serv			
Letter	12-31-46	STA to use a Link Radio Corp. 1992 max trans. as a link trans. on 189 mcs and type 1391 ant. with trans. located at WJLS-FM studio and the receiver at WJLS-FM trans. site in order to transmit programs from the studio to the trans. period 12-31-46 to 3-30-47			
<i>ext. in miss. call file under call WJLS-FM</i>					
Letter	1-13-47	EXT of STA to operate on 100.7 mcs using a FT&R Corp. 192-AY trans. max. power 2500 w and single bay FT&R Corp sq. loop ant. mount on 25 ft. mast at Huff Knob W. Va. purpose FM program period 1-14-47 to 4-13-47			
BMPH-194	2-20-47	100.7	31.7kw	U	By 8-21-46 to 8-21-47
Mod. C. P. (Ext. of time) issued for FM broadcast station					
Letter	3-21-47	EXT etc. period 3-31-47 to 6-28-47			
Telegram	3-25-47	Relet Feb. 7. Effective 3-27-47 frequency on STA is 96.3 mcs.			
Telegram	3-27-47	Authority extended period ending 7-12-47 operate 96.3 mcs. using Fed. 192-A trans max. power 2.5 kw and single bay Fed. square loop antenna on 25' mast on Huff Knob, W. Va. for FM program service.			

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

CARD #2

Date first licensed

Call letters WJLS-FM

Name of licensee JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED (APM Gr. 7-6-48, eff: 8-1-48)
*JOE L. SMITH, JR.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mcs. Freq.	E.R.P. Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
Telegram	5-16-47	Relet Attorney 7. Authority modified and extended period commencing 5-16-47 and ending 8-13-47 operate 96.3 mcs. using Fed. 192-A trans. max power 3 kw and Fed 2-bay square loop ant. on 25' mast on Huff Knob, W. Va. for FM program service			
	6-30-47	99.5	(No. 258)		Freq. assignment accord. Do 6768
Daylet.	3-8-47	Relet atty. 21 & 28. Auth. mod & ext. 10-1-47 op. 96.3; Fed 192-AZ tr. max output 3kw & 2-bay sq. loop ant. mounted on 25' mast on Huff Knob, W. Va. for prog. serv. Auth gr. same period op. without ap. freq. & mod. monitors. Responsibility maintenance freq. & mod. within required limits not waived.			
BMPH-603	8-1-47	99.5	31.7 kw	U	By 8-21-46 To 2-21-48
Mod. for ext. of completion date, change type of transmitter & change antenna supporting structure. (See back of form 701)					
Telegram	9-23-47	Ext. ending 12-1-47 to operate WJLS-FM on 96.3 mcs. using Fed. 192-AZ trans. max. output 3 kw. and 2-bay Fed. square loop ant. on 25 ft. mast on Huff Knob, West Va. for purpose of providing FM program service. Freq. subject to 99.5 mcs. in accordance Comm. letter 6-30-47.			
Telegram	12-1-47	Relet atty. 26. Auth. extended interim operation period ending Feb. 21, 1948.			
Telegram	1-12-48	Retel 12. Auth. dated Dec. 1, 1947 modified to specify frequency of 99.5 Mcs.			
BMPH-1381	1-23-48	Ext. of completion date to 5-21-48			
Telegram	2-18-48	Relet atty. Auth. extended interim operation period ending May 21, 1948.			
Telegram	4-15-48	Relet atty. Auth. modified period ending May 21, 1948 operate using facilities specified in CP BMPH-1381 for purpose FM program serv.			
Telegram	5-4-48	Relet atty. 3. Auth. modified period ending May 21, 1948 operate using facilities specified in BMPH-1381 except that over-height of antenna 131 ft above ground, FM program service.			

Date first licensed

Call letters **VJLS-FM**Name of licensee **JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED (APH gr. 7-6-48, eff: 8-1-48)**
X JOE L. SMITH, JR.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
Telegram	5-13-48	Relet atty. 11. Auth. extended interim operation period ending June 21, 1948. Same as telegram of 5-4-48.			
BMPH-1926	5-17-48	Ext. of completion date to 9-1-48			
Telegram	6-17-48	Relet atty. 7. Auth. extended period ending Sept. 1, 1948 operate using facilities in CP BMPH-1926 except overall height of antenna is 151 ft. above ground for purpose FM program service.			
BAPH-77	7-6-48	Vol. assignment of C.P. BPH-494 as modified from Joe L. Smith, Jr. to Joe L. Smith, Jr., Incorporated.			
Telegram	8-30-48	Relet atty 13. Auth. extended period ending 10-1-48 operate using fac. specified in CP BMPH-1926 except overall height of ant. 131 ft. above ground for purpose providing FM prog. serv.			
BMPH-2458	8-30-48	Ext. of completion date to 1-1-49.			
Telegram	9-23-48	Relet atty 15. Auth. ext. interim operation period ending 1-1-49.			
BMPH-2378	11-3-48	99.5	34 kw.	1050 ft.	Mod. of C.P.
BMPH-2458	8-30-48	Ext. of compl. date		To 1-1-49	
C.P. issued	11-3-48	A-2-b on 12/17/48			
Letter	12-17-48	STA waiver Sec. 3.261 to permit operation from 5 to 11:15 PM period 12-15-48 to 1-15-49.			
Letter	1-12-49	EXT of STA waiver Sec. 3.261 to permit operation from 5 to 11:15 PM period 1-15-49 to 2-15-49.			
BLH-367	3-30-49	Lic. to cover construction permit (BPH-494 as modified)			3-30-49 to 3-1-51
BRH-297	2-21-51	Renewal of License			to 3-1-54
BRH-297	2-17-54	Renewal of license to Form 715 notice sent			10-1-54
BRH-297	9-22-54	Renewal of license to			10-1-57

Form BG-126 #4
June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters W B K W.....

Station location

Name of licensee JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED (APH gr. 7-6-48, off. 8-1-48).....

Transmitter location

Main studio location

Form BC 126
June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters WBKW

Station location BECKLEY, W. VIRGINIA

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Name of licensee

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
EBSA	5-25-72				
BPH-8025(L) HAAT: 1050' (H&V)	9-7-72	99.5mc #258	ERP: 34kw (H&V) Unl.		9-7-73
		CP install new antenna, and make chgs. in transmission line (RC)			
BRH-297(S) BRSCA-1029	9-19-73	RENEWAL RENEWAL of SCA			10-1-75
BLH-5592(L) Letter	5-30-74 8-8-75	Lic. (BPH-8025) - Changes Trans: GATES-FM-10H3 now installed.			10-1-75 (MAIN)
BRH-297(L) BRSCA-1029	9-12-75 " " "	RENEWAL "			10-1-78 " " "
BPH-10546 HAAT: 1050' (h&v) (L) CANCELLED	5-18-77 3-27-79	99.5mhz #258 CP install new Alt. Main TL	ERP: 34kw (h&v) U (RC)		5-18-78 ✓
LTR.	7-22-77	Transmitter former Main (TATES FM-10G) Now used as Alt. Main Trans.			

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HIGH FREQUENCY (FM)

Call W J L S - FM
Letters NEWName JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED (APH gr. 7-6-48, eff: 8-1-48)
x JOE L. SMITH, JR.(P.O. 606 Northern Avenue, Beckley, W. Va.)

WJLS Bldg., Main & N. Kanawha Sts.,

Application for

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-PH-494 Rec'd Filed	5-9-45 5-10-45 5-10-45	Construction Permit for new high frequency FM broadcast station Frequency: 43,900 kcs., Coverage: 25,020 Sq. Mi. Population: 1,777,706 Studio: 101 1/2 Main Street, Beckley, West Virginia Transmitter: 13.5 miles South of Beckley, W. Va. (G.E. GF-110-B Max. 10kw) Filed by Harrison T. Slaughter, Att'y Amendment re Comm. letter of 9-7-45 recd. 9-13-45. No change. (Rural) Program analysis rec'd. 3-29-46 Engr. information rec'd 6-4-46 change type of transmitter and antenna system.	Granted for Met. type station - Conditional - Type 4 letter mailed 11-7-45	11-1-45
			Basic Engr. approved 5-2-46	
			Program analysis apvd. 5-2-46	
			C.P. issued 6-21-46	
BMPH-194 Rec'd Filed	1-16-47 1-21-47 1-21-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-494 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change completion date from 2-21-47 to 8-21-47.	GRANTED	2-20-47

WJLS

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Grant R. Wrathall, Engineer

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

Letters WJLS - FMName JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED (APH gr. 7-6-48, eff: 8-1-48)
X JOE L. SMITH, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-314 Rec'd Filed	4-7-47 4-9-47 4-9-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-494 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change frequency to Channel 242, 96.3 mcs. and commencement and completion dates from 8-21-46 and 8-21-47 to 60 days from date of grant and 180 days thereafter, respectively. Filed by Ralph L. Walker, Attorney	DISMISSED 7-22-47	7-24-47 per request of Att'y letter
BMPH-603 Rec'd. Filed	7-19-47 7-21-47 7-21-47	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-494 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station to change ^{completion date} date from 8-21-47 to 2-21-48. and change type of transmitter, & change antenna supporting structure. (see back of form 701)	GRANTED	8-1-47
BMPH-1381 Rec'd Filed	1-19-48 1-19-48 1-19-48	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-494 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 2-21-48 to 5-21-48. Filed by Robert E. Hodson, Attorney	GRANTED	1-23-48

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JOE L. SMITH, JR. INCORPORATED (APH gr. 7-6-48, eff: 8-1-48) ^{Call} Letters WJLS-FM

Name X JOE L. SMITH, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAPH-77 Recd Filed	4-15-48 4-16-48 4-16-48	Voluntary Assignment of permittee from Joe L. Smith, Jr. to Joe L. Smith, Jr., Incorporated Filed by Ralph Walker, Att'y	GRANTED Eff: 8-1-48	7-6-48
BMPH-1926 Recd. Filed	5-3-48 5-5-48 5-5-48	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-494 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 5-21-48 to 9-1-48. Filed by Robert E. Hodson, Att'y	GRANTED	5-17-48
BMPH-2378 Recd Filed	7-20-48 7-22-48 7-22-48	Mod. of C.P. (BPH-494 as modified - which authorized a new FM broadcast station) to change ERP from 31.7 kw. to 36.6 kw.; increase ant. ht. abv. aver. terrain to 1,047 ft. and decrease overall height above ground to 131 ft. and make changes in ant. system. Filed by Harrison Slaughter, Att'y	GRANTED C.P. issued with BMPH-2458	11-3-48 11-3-48

Form 94
CARD # 4

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Call
Letters WJLS-FM

JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED (APH gr. 7-6-48, eff: 8-1-48)

Name x JOE L. SMITH, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMFH-2458 Rec'd. Filed	8-13-48 8-13-48 8-13-48	Mod. of C. P. (B2-PH-494 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station for extension of completion date from 9-1-48 to 1-1-49. Filed by Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	8-30-48
BLH-367 Rec'd. Filed	11-26-48 11-30-48 11-30-48	License to cover construction permit (BPH-494 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Filed by Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	3-30-49 to 3-1-51
BRH-297 Rec'd. Filed	12-11-50 12-27-50 12-27-50	Renewal of license Filed by Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	2-21-51

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FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

Call
Letters WJLS-FM

Name JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-297 Rec'd. & filed	11-14-53 11-19-53	Renewal of license Filed by Ralph L. Walker, atty	GRANTED	2-17-54
BRH-297 Rec'd Filed	6-28-54 7-6-54 7-6-54	Renewal of license. Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	9-22-54
BRH-297 Rec'd Filed	6-17-57 6-27-57 6-27-57	Renewal of License. Robert E. Hodson, Atty. A mend. rec'd 8-7-57 to answer Q 10, a,b,c	GRANTED	9-25-57
BRCH-238 Rec'd Filed	5-27-59 5-28-59 5-28-59	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Beckley Hotel, Main Street, Beckley, West Virginia. Robert Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	7-14-59
BRCH-244 Rec'd Filed	7-29-59 7-30-59 7-30-59	Mod. of lic. to chg. Remote Control Point from Beckley Hotel, Main St., to WJLS Building, Main and North Kanawha Streets, Beckley, West Virginia	GRANTED	7-31-59

F.C.C. Robert E. Hodson, Atty.

FORM BC-121 76
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W.B.K.W.

Name JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED
Beckley, West Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-297 Rec'd Filed	6-21-60 6-30-60 6-30-60	Renewal of license Atty: Robert E. Hodson	GRANTED	9-14-60
BRN-297 Rec'd Filed	6-5-63 7-1-63 7-1-63	Renewal of License Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	10-15-63
BRCH-594 Rec'd Filed	2-27-65 3-9-65 3-9-65	Modification of license to change remote control point to WJLS Transmitter Building, Beckley, West Virginia. Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	3-16-65
BPH-5195 R&F	11-12-65 11-18-65	Construction permit to install new trans (Gates-FMS-10G), install new horiz ant (Gates-FMA-7, 7 sections), and install a vert ant (Gates-300G-7, 7 sections). Atty: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	12-22-65

FORM BC-121 #7
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WBKW

Name JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED
Beckley, West Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-3251 R & F	4/11/66 4/12/66	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5195) which auth. install new antenna and transmitter. Attys: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	6-28-66
BRH-297 R & F	6-13-66 6-29-66	Renewal of license Atty. Pierson, Ball & Dowd.	GRANTED	9-1-66
BAH-981 R & F (Form 316)	5-4-67 5-9-67	Voluntary assignment of license to PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC. Atty - Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED EFF:	5-26-67 7-1-67
BRH-297 R & F #525027 \$75 P.N. filed PRESS JUL 7 1969	6-10-69 6-27-69 6-27-69 6-27-69	Renewal of license Atty.-Pierson, Ball & Dowd (R. E. Hodson)	GRANTED	9-25-69

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W B K WName Personality Stations, Inc.
Reckley, West Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BSCA-1,029 R & F #625635 \$50. CODE 068 PRESS: SEP 3	8-19-70 8-21-70 8-21-70	Request for Subsidiary Communications Authoriz- ation on a sub-carrier frequency of 67 kilo- cycles. Atty-Lawrence J. Bernard, Jr.(Pierson, Ball etc)	GRANTED	9-8-70
BTC-6477 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #656251 CODE 054 (Form 316) ALSO SEE: AM WJLS	1-7-71 1-12-71	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Joe L. Smith, Jr., Inc. to Joe L. Smith, Jr. Atty - Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	1-27-71 1-28-71
	JAN 26 1971			
		3-24-71 Annual filing fee \$8.66 paid 10-5-70. #634598.		

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W B K WName PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC.
BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-297 BRSCA-1,029 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUL 13 1972	6-9-72 " 7-3-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE RENEWAL OF SCA Brian A. Johnson, Atty	GRANTED (Not issued) RESCINDED GRANTED	10-27-72 11-3-72 9-19-73
BPH-8025 R & F #099637 \$50 Code 061 Press AUG 31 1972	8-9-72 8-10-72 8-10-72	CP to install a new antenna (CCA FMC-HP-7 sects. (H&V) and make chgs. in transmission line. Atty: Robert E. Hodson	GRANTED	9-7-72
BLH-5592 R & F W 109466-\$50 PTA PRESS OCT 19 1972	9-14-72 9-15-72 9-15-72 9-27-72	Lic.(BPH-8025) for changes. Atty: Pierson, Ball & Dowd(H. T. Slaughter)	GRANTED	5-30-74

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call
Letters W B K WName PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC.
BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-297	5-30-75	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-12-75
BRSCA-1029	5-20-75	RENEWAL OF SCA		
R & F PN Recd. PRESS	6-2-75 " JUN 24 1975	J.J. Duffy, Atty. (Pierson & Dowd)		
BPH-10546	4-4-77	CP install new Alt. Main Trans:	GRANTED	5-18-77
R & F PRESS	4-6-77 MAY 13 1977	GATES, FM-106; at main TL Atty--- Engr. Jeff Miller	CANCELLED	3-27-79
			Now unnecessary	
BRH-297	5-15-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTER. TRANS.)		
BRSCA-1029	"	RENEWAL OF SCA		
R & F PRESS	5-18-78 MAY 25 1978	John J. Duffy, Atty.	GRANTED	9-14-78

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

99.5 mc FM
Call Letters: W B K W

Name: PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC.

Station Location: BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRH810529UC Press: JUL 21 1981		RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: John J. Duffy	GRANTED 10-22-81

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

